



# News Release

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### **FIRST EVER SW IDAHO B20 BIODIESEL PUMP SUPPLIES MORE THAN 3,000 GALLONS FIRST WEEK**

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More than 3,100 gallons of B20 Biodiesel were dispensed in the first week of operation of southwest Idaho's first every biodiesel public pump, the Idaho Energy Division announced.

A daily average of 454 gallons of B20 Biodiesel was pumped at the Clicks Kicks 66 station located on the corner of Emerald and Five Mile in the first seven days of operation. The pump was opened for public use on April 15.

If that daily average use is maintained for the full year, it could mean more than 165,000 gallons of the clean-burning fuel would have been burned by diesel vehicles in the Treasure Valley fueling at the pump. That amount of clean-burning B20 would typically result in more than 1,000 pounds of harmful particulates being removed from the local air.

The B20 Biodiesel fuel, produced from a blend of 20 percent refined virgin soybean oil and 80 percent petroleum diesel, typically reduces harmful diesel emissions by about 20 percent. B20 performs just like ordinary petroleum diesel with no modifications needed for diesel engines to run on the fuel. The B20 Biodiesel currently costs about 7-10 cents per gallon more than regular petroleum diesel.

The public pump is just one aspect of the B20 Treasure Valley Biodiesel program being run by the Idaho Energy Division. B20 Treasure Valley program partners including garbage and recycling trucks, school buses and Interstate Incident Response vehicles have already burned almost 60,000 gallons of B20 since the project began a year ago.

Air quality experts estimate that has resulted in upwards of 400 pounds of particulates being eliminated from the valley's air. New partners, including BFI Idaho Waste Services of Idaho, will mean even more clean-burning fuel will be used.

Additionally, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will launch this fall a research project that will switch all 200 Meridian School District school buses to the clean-burning fuel.